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FOLLOWING REPEAT STOCKHOLM 5086 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 16 SEP 76.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 5086

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DEPARTMENT PASS DEFENSE AND AIR FORCE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PINR, SW, US

SUBJECT: GOS PAYMENTS TO US AIR FORCE

1. DURING CALL ON PIERRE SCHORI, AIDE TO PRIMIN PALME, ON ANOTHER MATTER, DCM ASKED SEPTEMBER 16 FOR SCHORI'S VIEW ON THE STORY CONCERNING GOS PAYMENTS TO US AIR FORCE. (EMBASSY HAD SUSPECTED, AND SCHORI CONFIRMED, THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD SPOKEN WITH WASHINGTON POST REPORTER BERNARD NOSSITER AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO LA TIMES' MURRAY SEEGER.)

2. SCHORI SAID THE STORY DID NOT PRESENT ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND WAS NOW DIMINISHING. HE SAID HE DID NOT FEEL IT HAD HAD OR WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE SWEDISH ELECTIONS (WHICH HE SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WILL NOW WIN), OR ON SWEDISH-US RELATIONS. AS FOR THE ORIGIN OF THE DISCLOSURE, CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHORI SAID FOLKET I BILD KULTURFRONT WAS NOW SO DISCREDITED

THAT IT HAD TO TRICK RESPONSIBLE JOURNALS LIKE WASHPOST INTO COLLABORATING ON A STORY IN ORDER TO GIVE IT ANY EXPOSURE. HE NOTED THAT NOSSITER HAD ASKED HIM ABOUT THE "EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION" ANGLE BUT HE HAD CUT HIM OFF WITHOUT GIVING OUT ANY INFORMATION. SCHORI INDICATED GOS APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY'S HANDLING OF PRESS AND FOR USG POSITION OF ADDING NOTHING TO WHAT GENERAL SYNNERGREN HAD SAID.

3. COMMENT. SINCE SCHORI IS SO CLOSE TO PRIMIN PALME, AND WAS DESIGNATED TO MEET WITH US REPORTERS ON THIS MATTER, WE BELIEVE HIS REPLY REFLECTS PALME'S AND GOS VIEW THAT NO SERIOUS HARM HAS BEEN DONE BY THE STORY AND THAT IT HAS NOW PASSED ITS PEAK.

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